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: RETRACTABLE LENS BARREL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page **12** of this Amendment.